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VIEW OF ANGOLA

1. ON EVE OF OPENING OF TRI-PARTITE TALKS IN KENYA BETWEEN THREE
WARRING ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, TANZANIAN FONMIN MALECELA
DEPARTED MARKEDLY FROM TANZANIA'S FORMER POSITION TO DENOUNCE
ALL THREE MOVEMENTS IMPARTIALLY. SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN ON
HIS RETURN FROM RABAT MINISTERIAL MEETING, MALECELA SAID ON JUNE 14:
"ALL BLAME FOR WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ANGOLA FALLS ON THE HEADS OF THE
LEADERS OF THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, WHOSE GREED FOR POWER IS
STRONGER THAN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES OF ANGOLA." HE BLAMED
THESE LEADERS FOR "CHEAP WAY" THEY HAD TAKEN OF SEEKING TO BLAME

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OUTSIDE COUNTRIES FOR ANGOLA'S TROUBLES, AND CALLED ON THEM TO FORGET

IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES: "IF IT IS A MATTER OF IDEOLOGY, THEY SHOULD FIRST OF ALL ATTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND THEN RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES." (MALECELA WENT ON TO CONDEMN US-BRITISH-FRENCH VETO OF NAMIBIA RESOLUTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL, ATTRIBUTING IT TO THEIR COMMERCIAL TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE INTER-NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT POSED BY NAMIBIAN SITUATION.)

2. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS PICKED UP MALECELA THEME ON ANGOLA JUNE 16, WITH EDITORIAL BLAMING LOSS OF 5,000 ANGOLAN LIVES ON "VIOLENT POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE THREE LEADERS AND THEIR FOLLOWERS." IT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT KENYAN PEACE TALKS WOULD SUCCEED, "FOR THE REAL ENEMY OF ANGOLA IS NOT ANY OF THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. IT IS COLONIAL OPPRESSION. IF THE THREE LEADERS SEE ONE ANOTHER AS AN ENEMY TO BE ELIMINATED THEN THE REAL ENEMY OF ANGOLA WOULD CEASE TO BE COLONIALISM. IT WOULD BE THEM AND THEIR GREED FOR POWER."

3. MEANWHILE, MPLA MEMBER OF ANGOLAN PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL, LOPO DO NASCIMENTO, PASSING THROUGH DAR ES SALAAM EN ROUTE TO KENYA, DEFENDED MPLA FIGHTING AS INTENDED TO PREVENT FNLA INFILTRATION OF LUANDA AND ENDANGERING OF LIVES OF MPLA FOLLOWERS THERE. HE ACCUSED FNLA SOLDIERS OF CRUELTY, AND OF HAVING KILLED MPLA YOUTH LEADER MANUEL VAN DUNEM IN LUANDA IN EARLY JUNE.

4. COMMENTING ON ANGOLAN SCENE TO EMBOFF LAST WEEK, ZAIRIAN CONSUL GENERAL AT KIGOMA, LIANGWA-E-YOKA, INSISTED THAT ZAIRE DID NOT FAVOR ANY PARTICULAR ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT, BUT ONLY WANTED RIGHT OF ANGOLANS TO DECIDE THEIR FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES TO BE RESPECTED. CABINDA, HOWEVER, WAS A DIFFERENT PROBLEM BECAUSE IT WAS HISTORICALLY DISTINCT FROM ANGOLA. ZAIRE BELIEVED CABINDAN PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE RIGHT TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER THEY WANTED TO JOIN ANGOLA OR BECOME INDEPENDENT; HE SAID ZAIRE HAD NO TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS IN CABINDA, NOTING THAT ZAIRE HAD NOT SOUGHT TO PREVENT SEPARATE INDEPENDENCE OF RWANDA AND BURUNDI. (NOTE: LIANGWA-E-YOKA IS FROM EQUATORIA AND HAS PERSONAL TIES TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU).

5. COMMENT: SHARP TANZANIAN CRITICISM OF ALL WARRING ANGOLAN FACTIONS AND THEIR LEADERS DEMONSTRATE EXTENT TO WHICH TANGOV HAS LOST PATIENCE WITH MPLA.

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